NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF I-26 FROM U.S. 25 TO I-40

TIP Project Nos. I-4400/I-4700

Henderson & Buncombe Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to widen and improve approximately 22.2 miles of I-26 from U.S. 25 in Henderson County to I-40 in Buncombe County. The purpose of this project is to relieve projected congestion along the I-26 corridor. The project proposes a multi-lane widening of I-26 that includes rehabilitation and widening of existing bridge structures within the project limits, including the Blue Ridge Parkway structure over I-26.

NCDOT will hold a citizens' informational workshop for the above project on Thursday, January 31, 2013 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center – Virginia C. Boone Building, located at 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd. in Fletcher.

Citizens are invited to speak individually with NCDOT officials and to review the project area map. Aerial mapping denoting the project area will be displayed at the workshop. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Comments and suggestions received will be considered during the design phase. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Dre Major of the NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone at (919) 707-6028 or via email at ujmajor@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Major as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.